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Hope you remember our discussion on Syria and that I was very clear in my opinion that the assassination of the top Assad regime 2 weeks ago would be the beginning of the end of the rebels. Unlike the conventional wisdom which was and still is that this was the beginning of the end of the regime.
The rebels made the huge mistake to inflict such a heavy blow in a too early stage.
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In my view , as we've discussed , it was exactly the opposite.
Up to that point Assad regime was reluctant to cross the line , as they tried to keep certain humane face to appease the west and to make it easier for Russia and China to support them.
Once that happened , the realization that this is really Life or Death battle sinked in , and from that point they stopped caring what the rest of the world says , and started to use all arsenal of arms regardless any humanitarian considerations.
As clearly the Army is by far stronger than the rebellions , I would say that it is by far more probable that he or his regime will stay in power !!!
BTW , the murder of Aldo Moro by the red Brigades forced the government to hit them for real , which was their end. Before that they were considered invincible !!!
We had in NY discussion about the subject with Kaplinski, Gira Inbar and Ilan Shiloach who hold the conventional wisdom view , and they were quite taken by my analysis (though on this subject Krugman has no opinion …) !

Also the article in Globes was great !!!

Shabat-Shalom
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